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Industries

Work done by the Research Engineer of the Industries Department.

* 316 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the specific duties allotted to the Research Engineer of the Department of Industries;

(*b*) what facilities have been given him for carrying out research work and when he commenced work;

(*c*) what are the appliances which he has evolved so far and with what results; and

(*d*) whether copies of the quarterly reports on the work of the Research Engineer with the remarks of the Specialist Officer and Director of Industries will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*)—The Research Engineer was appointed for the purpose of improving existing appliances and devising new appliances for use in the cottage industries, especially in the textile industry.

(*b*) Copy[a] of a letter from the Director of Industries giving the information required is appended. The Research Engineer assumed charge of his duties on the 4th June 1930.

(*c*) (i) An improved furnace has been constructed for the collection of lampblack. Preliminary trials have to be made.

(ii) A hot air sizing machine has been evolved. Its economic value will be known after the machine is tried under actual working conditions.

(*d*) Copy[a] of a report received from the Research Engineer explaining the work done by him up to the end of March 1931 is appended. The Government do not consider it necessary to place on the table the remarks of the Specialist Officer and the Director of Industries.

Duties and pay of the Inspector of Industrial Schools.

* 317 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the qualifications and pay of the Inspector of Industrial Schools; and

(*b*) what are his duties?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the annual list of establishment of the Director of Industries, a copy of which is placed in the Council Library. The Officer's present pay is Rs. 1,200.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XVIII on pages 165-168 infra.